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Co-Pastor Theophilus J. Caviness will preside over the morning service that brings to the pulpit Rev. Gerald D. Kisner, pastor of the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, FL. Rev. Kisner is a former Clevelander and considers pastor Caviness his primary pastoral mentor. A combined choir will sing during the morning service.

In his storied 50 years of service, pastor Caviness has instituted building drives and property purchases and has kept the church in the forefront of major social and community issues. A former Cleveland City Councilman and Chairman of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Rev. Caviness doubles as president of the local SCLC chapter and serves on the historic organization's national board.

Cleveland City Council passed emergency legislation re-naming Tacoma Ave, the street that borders the church, to the *Dr. E. Theophilus Caviness Way*. In January of 2012, his footprints will be enshrined on the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame in Atlanta, GA.

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